

## TDC Awards for USDF/USEF Shows

### Rules

All recognized shows are governed by the rules of USDF and US Equestrian Federation.

### TDC Awards

If you are competing for USDF and US Equestrian Federation awards, check their websites for participation requirements.

### General Information

It is the rider's responsibility to check the accuracy of scores and horse and rider names recorded by the TDC Awards Committee. Discrepancies must be reported to the TDC Awards Committee by the fifteenth of the month following the show report. Scores may be verified in the TDC newsletter, Transitions, or on the TDC website.

### Eligible Shows

All US Equestrian Federation/USDF recognized shows that are also TDC-approved shows will count towards year-end Recognized Show Awards.

Eligible shows include, but are not limited to:

- TDC Shows
- ADA Shows
- Open Shows in conjunction with State or Regional Championships

Ineligible shows include, but are not limited to:

- Breed-restricted Shows
- State or Regional Championships

### Eligible Horses

Owners of all horses must be current TDC members in good standing at the time of the show for scores to be eligible. A member in good standing is defined as one whose paid membership has been recorded by the TDC Membership Chairperson.

Horses may be of any age, sex, or breed unless otherwise specified in an individual award description.

### Owners

Please pay extra attention to how your information is filled out on each entry blank and to how that information is recorded by the show secretary. The horse's name must be entered the same way on each entry blank for the score(s) to count. The horse's name must be recorded the same way for each ride. If there is a name or status change during the show season, please notify the Awards Chairperson immediately.

Example: An Arabian who earns a Legion of Honor symbol during the year would change its name from Star to Star+.

### Eligible Riders

All riders must be current TDC members in good standing at the time of the show for scores to be eligible. A member in good standing is defined as one whose paid membership has been recorded by the TDC Membership Chairperson. Riders may be of any age or sex, unless otherwise specified in an individual award description.

It is the rider's responsibility to notify the Awards Chairperson of any changes that affect year-end award status. Such changes include, but are not limited to, a change in status (i.e. Open to Amateur); or horse name change. Failure to notify the Awards Committee Chairperson of any changes may result in the loss of the award.

### Volunteer Requirement

Effective October 1, 2004, to be eligible for year-end recognized show awards, TDC members must contribute four (4) hours of service to the Club.

If you are unable to volunteer, you may purchase service time at the rate of \$25 for two hours of volunteer time.

## Scores

All scores for year-end awards are tabulated using percentage scores earned by each horse/rider combination throughout the show year at each level and in each division.

Scores from Maiden Horse, Maiden Rider, Quadrille, Pas de Deux, Prix Caprilli, equitation, suitability, bareback, or other specialty classes do not count toward recognized or schooling show awards. Freestyle scores may only be used for the Musical Freestyle Award in the Recognized Shows category.

The top six scores earned in at least three USEF/USDF/TDC-recognized shows will be used to tabulate the awards in the Recognized Show division for the USA Equestrian Training through Fourth Levels.

The top three scores earned in at least three US Equestrian Federation/USDF/TDC-recognized shows will be used to tabulate the awards in the Recognized Show Division for the FEI levels.

Scores from out of state USEF/USDF recognized competitions will count towards year end awards if the rider or owner submits either a USDF Score Report from that show or copies of the score sheets to the Year End Awards Chairperson prior to December 15th of the competition year.

## Presentation

All awards will be presented at the TDC Year-end Awards Banquet. For further details on award requirements, please refer to the Awards descriptions below or contact the TDC Awards Chairperson.

## Recognized Show Awards

### ADULT AMATEUR

Year-end awards and recognition will be given to Adult Amateur horse/rider combinations for US Equestrian Federation Training through Fourth Levels. Champion through sixth place will be awarded at each level. Champion may not be won more than three times by the same horse/rider combination at the same level.

Three US Equestrian Federation/USDF/ TDC-recognized shows per level are required. Only scores earned in adult amateur classes at USEF/USDF/TDC-recognized shows will be used to calculate these awards. The six best scores per level for the horse/rider combinations will be used.

A rider shall compete as an Adult Amateur from the beginning of the calendar year in which s/he reaches the age of 22. (See US Equestrian Federation Rules)

## JUNIOR

Year-end awards and recognition will be given to Junior horse/rider combinations 13 and under and 14-18 for Training through Fourth levels. Champion through sixth place will be awarded at each level. Champion may not be won more than three times by the same horse/rider combination at the same level. Three US Equestrian Federation/USDF/TDC-recognized shows per level are required. Only scores earned in junior classes at USEF/USDF/TDC-recognized shows will be used to calculate these awards. The six best scores per level for the horse/rider combinations will be used.

A rider is eligible to compete as a Junior until the end of the calendar year in which s/he reaches the age of 18 (See US Equestrian Federation Rules).

## YOUNG RIDER

Yearend awards and recognition will be given to Young Rider horse/rider combinations for Training through Fourth levels. Champion through sixth place will be awarded at each level. Champion may not be won more than three times by the same horse/rider combination at the same level.

Three US Equestrian Federation/USDF/TDC-recognized shows per level are required. Only scores earned in young rider classes at USEF/USDF/TDC-recognized shows will be used to calculate these awards. The six best scores per level for the horse/rider combinations will be used.

A rider is eligible to compete as a Young Rider from the beginning of the calendar year in which s/he reaches the age of 16 until the end of the calendar year in which s/he reaches the age of 21. (See USDF Rules)

## OPEN

Year-end awards and recognition will be given to Open horse/rider combinations for US Equestrian Federation Training through Fourth Levels. Champion through sixth place will be awarded at each level. Champion may not be won more than three times by the same horse/rider combination at the same level.

Three US Equestrian Federation/USDF/TDC-recognized shows per level are required. Only scores earned in open classes at USAE/USDF/TDC-recognized shows will be used to calculate these awards. The six best scores per level for the horse/rider combinations will be used.

## FEI

Year-end awards and recognition will be given to horse/rider combinations for Prix St. George, Intermediare I, Intermediare II, Grand Prix, and Young Rider. The FEI division will be split among open, adult amateur, junior and young rider categories with champion through sixth place awarded in each category. Champion may not be won more than three times by the same horse/rider combination at the same level, with the exception of Grand Prix. Three US Equestrian Federation/USDF/TDC-recognized shows per level are required. Only scores earned in USEF/USDF/TDC-recognized shows will be used to calculate this award. The three best scores from any FEI test for the horse/rider combinations will be used.

## MUSICAL FREESTYLE

Year-end awards and recognition will be given to horse/rider combinations for any level Musical Freestyle class. The Musical Freestyle Award is not split among open, adult amateur, and junior divisions. Champion through sixth place will be awarded. Champion may not be won more than three times by the same horse/rider combination at the same level. Three US Equestrian Federation/USDF/TDC-recognized shows are required. The three best scores for horse/rider combinations will be used.

## ARABIAN AWARD

Awarded to the horse, either purebred or half-Arabian, with the highest average of two scores. One score must be earned at the TDC Spring Show and one score must be earned at the TDC Fall Show. Scores may be earned at any level with any rider. Both owner and rider of the horse must be TDC members in good standing at the time the scores are earned. To be eligible to receive this award, either the owner or rider must submit a copy of the horse's registration

papers or other proof that the horse is an Arabian or half-Arabian, and a copy of the score sheets from each show. These items must be sent to the Year End Awards Chairperson prior to December 15th of the show year.

### High Point Rider Awards

#### ADULT AMATEUR

Year-end awards and recognition will be given to Adult Amateur riders for Training through Grand Prix with the highest average of scores from USEF/USDF/TDC-recognized shows. Champion and Reserve Champion will be awarded at each level. Three US Equestrian Federation/USDF/TDC-recognized shows are required. Only USEF/USDF/TDC-recognized shows will be used to calculate this award. The six best scores on all horses of any Adult Amateur rider in any Adult Amateur class will be averaged.

#### JUNIOR

Year-end awards and recognition will be given to Junior riders for Training through Grand Prix with the highest average of scores from USEF/USDF/TDC-recognized shows. Champion and Reserve Champion will be awarded at each level. Three US Equestrian Federation/USDF/TDC-recognized shows are required. Only USEF/USDF/TDC-recognized shows will be used to calculate this award. The six best scores on all horses of any Junior rider in any Junior classes will be averaged.

#### YOUNG RIDER

Year-end awards and recognition will be given to Young Riders for Training through Grand Prix with the highest average of scores from USEF/USDF/TDC-recognized shows. Champion and Reserve Champion will be awarded.

Three US Equestrian Federation/USDF/TDC-recognized shows are required. Only scores from USEF/USDF/TDC-recognized shows will be used to calculate this award. The six best scores on all horses of any Young Rider in Young Rider classes will be averaged.

#### OPEN

Year-end awards and recognition will be given to Open riders for Training through Grand Prix with the highest average of scores from USEF/USDF/TDC-recognized shows. Champion and Reserve Champion will be awarded. Three US Equestrian Federation/USDF/TDC-recognized

shows are required. Only scores from USEF/USDF/TDC-recognized shows will be used to calculate this award. The six best scores on all horses of any Open rider in Open classes will be averaged.

#### ROOKIE RIDER AWARD

Year-end awards and recognition will be given to Training or First Level riders who are in their first year of competing at recognized dressage shows. The riders may have shown in other equestrian disciplines prior to showing in dressage. Champion and Reserve Champion will be awarded. Riders must be Juniors, Young Riders, or Adult Amateurs. Riders must declare that they are rookie riders by notifying the Year End Awards Chairperson in writing (e-mail is considered "in writing"). Three US Equestrian Federation/USDF/TDC-recognized shows are required. The six best scores on all horses of the riders at Training or First Level will be averaged.

#### VINTAGE RIDER AWARD

Year-end awards and recognition will be given to the Open and Adult Amateur Vintage Riders for any level with the highest average of scores. Champion and Reserve Champion will be awarded. Three US Equestrian Federation/USDF/TDC-recognized shows are required. The six best scores on all horses of any level will be averaged.

A Vintage Rider is anyone who is 50 years or older as of October 1st of the competition year.